

What is claimed is:

1. A lower die assembly for use in a pressing machine, in which a lower die is received and securely held in a die holder, characterized in that it comprises:

a clamp means whereby the lower die when unclamped is received in the die holder so that the lower die can be extracted from the die holder upwards and then when clamped is securely held therein; and

a lift means disposed below the lower die and whereby the lower die when unclamped is raised above an upper end of the die holder.